



# Prince George's County Council

Wayne K. Curry Administration  
Building  
1301 McCormick Dr  
Largo, MD 20774

## Meeting Minutes - Final Sitting as the Committee of the Whole

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Tuesday, January 18, 2022

1:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS:

#### CALL TO ORDER

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II, at 1:32 p.m.*

**Present**      10 - Calvin S. Hawkins  
Derrick Davis  
Thomas Dernoga  
Mel Franklin  
Dannielle Glaros  
Sydney Harrison  
Jolene Ivey  
Rodney Streeter  
Deni Taveras  
Todd Turner

*Also present:*

*Robert J. Williams, Jr., Council Administrator  
William M. Hunt, Deputy Council Administrator  
Colette Gresham, Associate Council Administrator  
Donna J. Brown, Clerk of the Council  
Leonard Moses, Office of the Clerk of the Council  
James Walker-Bey, Office of the Clerk of the Council  
Terry L. Bell, Council Liaison  
Amanda Denison, Associate County Attorney  
Nancy Lineman, Associate County Attorney  
Kathy Canning, Legislative Officer  
Nathaniel Tutt, III, HHSPS Committee Director*

*Donna Whitman, Legislative Officer*  
*Monica B. James, Legislative Officer*  
*J. Kenneth Battle, TIEE Committee Director*  
*Dinora Hernandez, Legislative Officer*

**BRIEFING**

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**HEALTH OFFICER'S UPDATE**

George L. Askew, MD, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health, Human Services & Education

Dr. Ernest L. Carter, Health Officer

Ololade Olakanmi, Deputy Health Officer, Chief of Operations

Anea Jordan, Executive Assistant to the Health Officer

**Attachment(s):** [COVID HD Update - Presentation](#)

*Panel Guests:*

- 1. George L. Askew, MD, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health, Human Services & Education*
- 3. Dr. Ernest L. Carter, Health Officer*
- 4. Ololade Olakanmi, Deputy Health Officer, Chief of Operations*
- 5. Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney*
- 6. Donna Perkins*

*The briefing convened at 1:33 p.m. Chair Calvin S. Hawkins, II, introduced George L. Askew, MD, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health, Human Services & Education who provided comments and introduced Dr. Ernest L. Carter, Health Officer who facilitated a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Prince George's County COVID-19/Health Department Update". The presentation highlighted the following: COVID -19 Status Report; Vaccinations by Date Received for Residents; Resident Vaccinations: CDC Reported Vaccinations; Healthcare System Available Capacity; Healthcare System Capacity: Med/Surgery Beds; Healthcare System Capacity: ICU Beds; CDC Community Transmission Report; Key Metrics; Update on Foundational Infrastructure; Staffing Challenges; Improving Foundational Infrastructure (HD Strong); Update on Information Technology Infrastructure; Information Technology Update; Highlights; Current/New Projects; Accomplishments - Behavioral Health Services; Accomplishments & Environmental Health Services; Accomplishments - Family Health Services; Accomplishments Health and Wellness; Accomplishments; and Office of the Health Officer & Administration. The panel guests responded to questions from Council Members questions*

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*regarding strategy for getting vaccine boosters in senior homes; blood lead level and asthma in the county; rodent infestation, primarily in the urban areas of the county; rate of vaccination of 5-12 year old children; the meaning of "fully vaccinated" vs. booster; maternal health and mortality; mental health facility; health in all policies; status of ARPA funds; local, small, and minority business involvement in health department opportunities and services; COVID-19 Omicron variant vs. Delta variant; emergency status; COVID-19 crisis length; the possibility of a fourth vaccination shot; and University of MD Regional Health Care Center declaration. The briefing concluded at 2:54 p.m.*

**This Briefing was held.**

## **LEGISLATION**

### **[CR-001-2022](#)**

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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND’S SIXTEENTH CONTINUED DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY-CORONAVIRUS (“COVID-19”)** for the purpose of continuing the emergency declarations most recently adopted by the governing body on November 29, 2021, CR-137-2021, and as may be further amended.

**Sponsor(s)**: Hawkins, Harrison, Davis, Dernoga, Taveras, Glaros, Ivey, Franklin, Turner and Streeter

**Attachment(s)**: [R2022001](#)  
[CR-001-2022 AIS](#)  
[CR-001-2022 Report](#)  
[CR-001-2022 Transmittal Letter](#)

*Panel Guests:*

- 1. George L. Askew, MD, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health, Human Services & Education*
- 3. Dr. Ernest L. Carter, Health Officer*
- 4. Ololade Olakanmi, Deputy Health Officer, Chief of Operations*
- 5. Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney*
- 6. Donna Perkins*

*Chair Hawkins introduced the panel guests. George L. Askew, MD, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health, Human Services & Education introduced Rhonda Weaver, County Attorney, who provided an overview of CR-001-2022 which will terminate on March 9, 2022.*

**A motion was made by Member Turner, seconded by Member Taveras, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended to the County Council.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 10 - Hawkins, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey,  
Streeter, Taveras and Turner

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**ADJOURN**

*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:00 PM.*

**A motion was made by Member Turner, seconded by Member Streeter,  
that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following  
vote:**

**Aye:** 10 - Hawkins, Davis, Dernoga, Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Ivey,  
Streeter, Taveras and Turner